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LOK SABHA

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MONITORING OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to set up multi-level and multi-tool monitoring system for monitoring the various rural development programmes;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether most of the States are not periodically submitting their utility/ achievement reports;

(d) If so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) The corrective measures proposed by the Government to tackle the situation ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 88 due for answer on 28.7.2006.

The Ministry of Rural Development has already put in place a comprehensive multi- level and multi-tool system of monitoring the implementation and evaluation of impact of the programmes including utilization of funds through Periodical Progress Reports, Performance of Review Committee meetings, Area Officer`s Scheme, Vigilance and Monitoring Committee at the State/District Level with greater involvement of Members of Parliament, National Level Monitors to monitor quality of work, adherence to implementation of schemes as per programme guidelines. Besides, Monthly Progress Reports of Rural Development Programmes through on-line system, the State Governments have also been advised to adopt a four- pronged strategy consisting of
(i) creation of awareness about the schemes,
(ii) transparency,
(iii) people`s partnership and

(iv) accountability - social audit through Gram Sabha. In addition to this, constitution of Village Level Monitoring Committee for each work under SGRY is mandatory which will monitor the progress and quality while work is in progress and final report of the Committee would be attached along with the completion certificate of work for consideration of Gram Sabha of Gram Panchayat where work has been executed.

All the programmes of the Ministry are continuously monitored through periodical progress reports received from the all State Governments depicting both the financial and physical progress of the programmes. As per guidelines of various Rural Development schemes, the States Governments are required to furnish the Monthly Progress Report of each scheme to the Ministry by the 10th day of every succeeding month. However, there is a delay in submission of Monthly Progress Reports in some of the cases as the reports are basically prepared at the Block level and then submitted to the District authorities and in turn submit to the State authorities. The State after compilation of District-wise data submit the reports to the Ministry of Rural Development. The National Level Monitors and Area Officer regularly visit assigned districts and closely monitor implementation of schemes through field visits, checking of works and inspecting of records. Observations/findings are communicated to States for follow up action.

With a view to minimize the time lag in reporting of the Monthly Progress Reports, the Ministry of Rural Development has been emphasizing the State Governments to furnish Monthly Progress Reports of Rural Development Programmes through on-line system.